

QA-585
Jones's Blount Point
213 Jones Road
Chester vicinity, Queen Anne's County

Constructed 1891
Private

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Built in 1891 by David D. and Julia Jones, Jones's Blount Point illustrates the lives of Kent Island families who combined farming with working on the water and is a good example of a late nineteenth-century dwelling in Queen Anne's County. David Jones was a sailor during the second half of the nineteenth century, when maritime industries in Queen Anne's County flourished. Low oyster harvests in the 1890s may have contributed to the Jones's default of their mortgage in 1899. Annie M. Jones acquired the property in 1899; her husband Jerome was a merchant and the son of David and Julia Jones.

Maryland Historical Trust

Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. QA-585

1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Jones's Blount Point (preferred), Annie M. Jones Property
other Blunt Point (alternate spelling)

2. Location

street and number 213 Jones Road not for publication
city, town Chester, MD 21619-2324 ☒ vicinity
county Queen Anne's County

3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name James M., Jr. and Anne M. Woodward
street and number 9116 Potomac Station Lane telephone
city, town Potomac state MD zip code 20854-3989

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Queen Anne's County Courthouse liber MWM-171 folio 787
city, town Centreville tax map 64 tax parcel 5 tax ID number 04-025601

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- ☐ Contributing Resource in National Register District
☐ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
☐ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Recorded by HABS/HAER
☐ Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT
☐ Other: _____

6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	Contributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	2
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	0
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> defense	0
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> domestic	0
		<input type="checkbox"/> education	0
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	2
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	0
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	0
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	0
		<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	0
		<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	0
		<input type="checkbox"/> unknown	0
		<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use	0
		<input type="checkbox"/> other:	0

Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory
0

7. Description

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Condition

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Summary

Blount Point is located on Cox Neck, part of Kent Island, in Queen Anne's County. It stands nearly two-and-two-thirds miles south of Chester on a point of land on the west side of Crab Alley Creek. Built in 1891, the house is a two-and-a-half-story, three-bay-wide, wood-frame house with a rear ell. It faces west, towards Jones Road, and away from Crab Alley Creek. A one-story, one-bay wood-frame shed sits about 30 feet to the northwest of the house.

Description

Primary Resource

Jones's Blount Point sits on a level, grassy lot overlooking Crab Alley Creek. A gravel driveway lies to the south of the house. There are no foundation plantings, but mature trees dot the property. Two entry piers mark the front walk at its intersection with Jones Road to the west of the house. Each one is approximately four feet tall, and is constructed of rock-faced concrete block with a poured-concrete cap. Two similar piers mark the walk to the house from the driveway, on the south side of the house; they differ from the west-side piers only in that they have a rock-faced concrete-block cap.

The house at 213 Jones Road is a two-and-a-half story frame I-house with an rear ell and a front cross-gable. The façade is symmetrically arranged with a centered entry, flanked by a single window on either side. The foundation is covered by masonite siding, and was not visible. The house is clad with aluminum siding, and is covered by an asphalt-shingled gable roof. Replacement one-over-one, vinyl windows with vinyl surrounds and molded lintels exist throughout. A replacement six-panel, vinyl door occupies the centered front entrance. The house has a side-gable roof with a front cross-gable and open eaves. The front cross-gable contains a pointed arched window that holds two-over-two, wood sash windows. A scroll-sawn wood bracket with "1891" cut into it also decorates the apex of the cross gable. The rear, two-story ell is possibly an addition; its windows are smaller than those in the main block, and it has a lower roof. A one-story, shed-roof porch addition fills the corner between the main block and the ell on the south side of the house. The east elevation of the house was not accessible at the time of the survey.

Secondary Resources (buildings, sites, structures, objects.)

The one-story, one-bay, wood-frame shed features a front-gabled roof sheathed with asphalt shingles. It is clad with wood weatherboard. One six-over-six, double-hung, wood window is centered in the west elevation. The window features a square-edged, wood surround and a projecting sill. The east elevation of the shed was not accessible at the time of the survey.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other: _____

Specific dates 1891

Architect/Builder

Construction dates 1891

Evaluation for:

☐ National Register

☐ Maryland Register

☒ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

Summary Statement of Significance

Built in 1891 by David D. Jones and his wife Julia, Jones's Blount Point illustrates the lives of Kent Island families who combined farming with working on the water and is a good example of a late nineteenth-century dwelling in Queen Anne's County. David Jones was a sailor during the second half of the nineteenth century, when maritime industries in Queen Anne's County flourished. Low oyster harvest in the 1890s may have contributed to the Jones's default of their mortgage in 1899. Annie M. Jones acquired the property in 1899; her husband Jerome was a merchant and the son of David and Julia Jones.

Historical Narrative

The house at Blount's Point was likely constructed by David and Julia Jones, who acquired the 25-acre property in 1850.¹ Historic maps indicate that by the mid-1860s, they were living on the property close to the home of brother, Jackson Jones.² Located along an active waterway, the 25-acre Blount Point parcel and an adjoining tract of 22 acres acquired in 1851 composed enough acreage for the Joneses to have a small farm to supplement David's primary occupation as a sailor.³ In 1929, the *Baltimore Sun* printed an article titled "Kent Island Settlement Was Earliest" that included information on both David and Jackson Jones: "Approximately sixty years ago the oyster business as such was inaugurated on the island with the arrival from Somerset of two old salts—Captains David and Jackson Jones—in two little boats, called pungies, with which they fished the great oyster beds in Cox's creek, carrying their catch direct to the retail markets in Baltimore and Annapolis."⁴ Pungies were two-masted schooners developed initially in the eighteenth century as fast and maneuverable ships to transport cargo in the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries, and were used particularly for carrying perishable cargo such as oysters and farm produce.⁵ Whether or not the Joneses started the oyster business on Kent Island, as sailors, they conducted the retail trade in oysters rather than harvesting them as oystermen did.

By 1880, the family was prosperous enough to employ a servant, and Jones's trade expanded to include his sons, Columbus and Henry.⁶ In 1889, David and Julia Jones took out a mortgage on the property, possibly in order to finance construction of the house for a sizeable household that included four sons and a daughter-in-law. A good example of the late nineteenth-century I-house form in

¹ See attached Chain of Title for this and all subsequent deed references.

² *J.G. Strong's Map of Queen Anne's County* (n.p.: J.G. Strong, 1866); and *An Illustrated Atlas of Kent and Queen Anne's Counties, MD* (Philadelphia: Lake, Griffing & Stevenson, 1877).

³ 1860 U.S. Population Census, Queen Anne's County, Maryland, District 4, Broad Creek, Sheet 18.

⁴ "Kent Island Settlement Was Earliest," *Baltimore Sun*, November 3, 1929 (Enoch Pratt Free Library, Baltimore, photocopy).

⁵ "Lady Maryland Facts," *Living Classrooms Foundation* (Baltimore, MD), accessed 7/16/2007, <<http://www.livingclassrooms.org/shipboard/lmfacts.html>>

⁶ 1880 U.S. Population Census, Queen Anne's County, Maryland, District 4, Enumeration District 62, Sheet 51.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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An Illustrated Atlas of Kent and Queen Anne's Counties, MD. Philadelphia: Lake, Griffing & Stevenson, 1877.

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U.S. Population Census, Queen Anne's County, Maryland, 1860-1910.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 0.05 acres

Acreage of historical setting 25 acres

Quadrangle name Kent Island

Quadrangle scale: 1:24,000 (7.5 minute)

Verbal boundary description and justification

The property boundary is defined by the current parcel boundaries shown on tax map 64, grid 7, parcel 5 in Queen Anne's County, Maryland.

11. Form Prepared by

name/title	Kathryn Gettings Smith and Gerald M. Maready, Jr., Architectural Historians		
organization	History Matters, LLC	date	November 16, 2007
street & number	1502 21 st Street, NW, 2 nd Floor	telephone	202-223-8845
city or town	Washington	state	DC

The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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Maryland Department of Planning
100 Community Place
Crownsville, MD 21032-2023
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Queen Anne's County, the house displays characteristic features of Late Victorian architecture, including the scroll-sawn bracket and lancet window in the centered gable.

In 1899, David Jones defaulted on his mortgage, perhaps reflecting a decline in the maritime industries as a result of decreased oyster harvests in the 1890s. The property was sold to his son, Jerome, who was a merchant.⁷ After Jerome Jones failed to meet the terms of the sale, the property was conveyed to his wife, Annie M. Jones. The couple likely lived in the house, which was set within a community of oystermen. According to the 1910 Federal Census, Jerome worked as an oyster packer in addition to being a farmer on his 45-acre property.⁸ Kent Island farmers, especially those owning smaller properties such as the Joneses, often supplemented their incomes in the late fall through early spring with work associated with the water such as oystering or working in packing houses. Likewise, watermen purchased farmland to directly provide food for their families and to supplement their income when not oystering.

The Jones House remained in the family until 1981. In 1943, Annie M. Jones – then a widow – sold the property to her daughter, Beatrice M. Jones. In 1978 Jerome Calvert Jones and Helen H. Jones acquired the property from Beatrice Jones's executors, and, within one year, divided the property for the creation of the Calverton subdivision. In 1981, they conveyed the house together with thirteen acres to James and Anne Woodward while reserving over two acres with the house for their lifetime. The Woodwards further subdivided the property and now own the house surrounded by over one acre.

⁷ 1900 U.S. Population Census, Queen Anne's County, Maryland, District 4, Enumeration District 63, Sheet 7.

⁸ 1910 U.S. Population Census, Queen Anne's County, Maryland, District 4, Enumeration District 68, Sheet 14-A.

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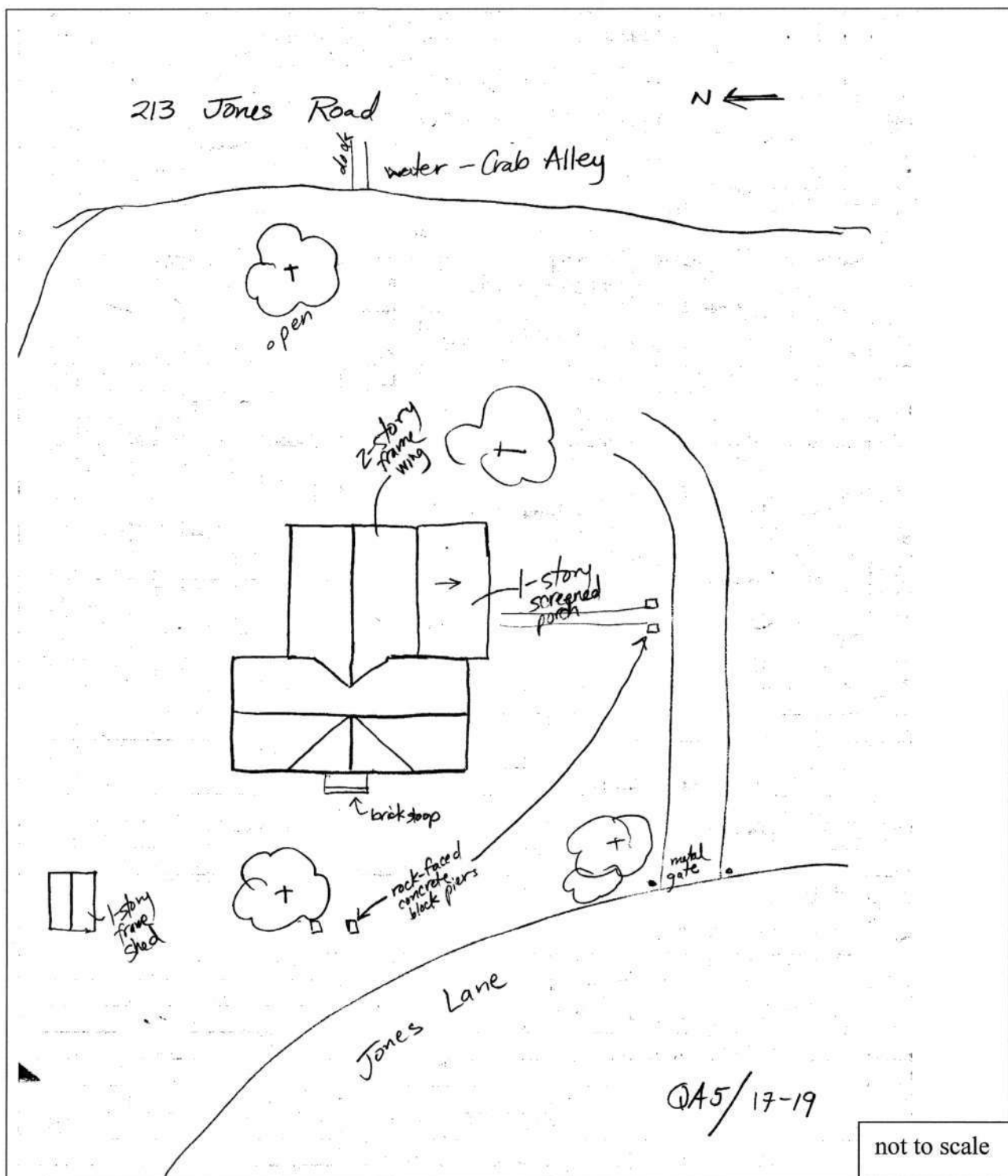
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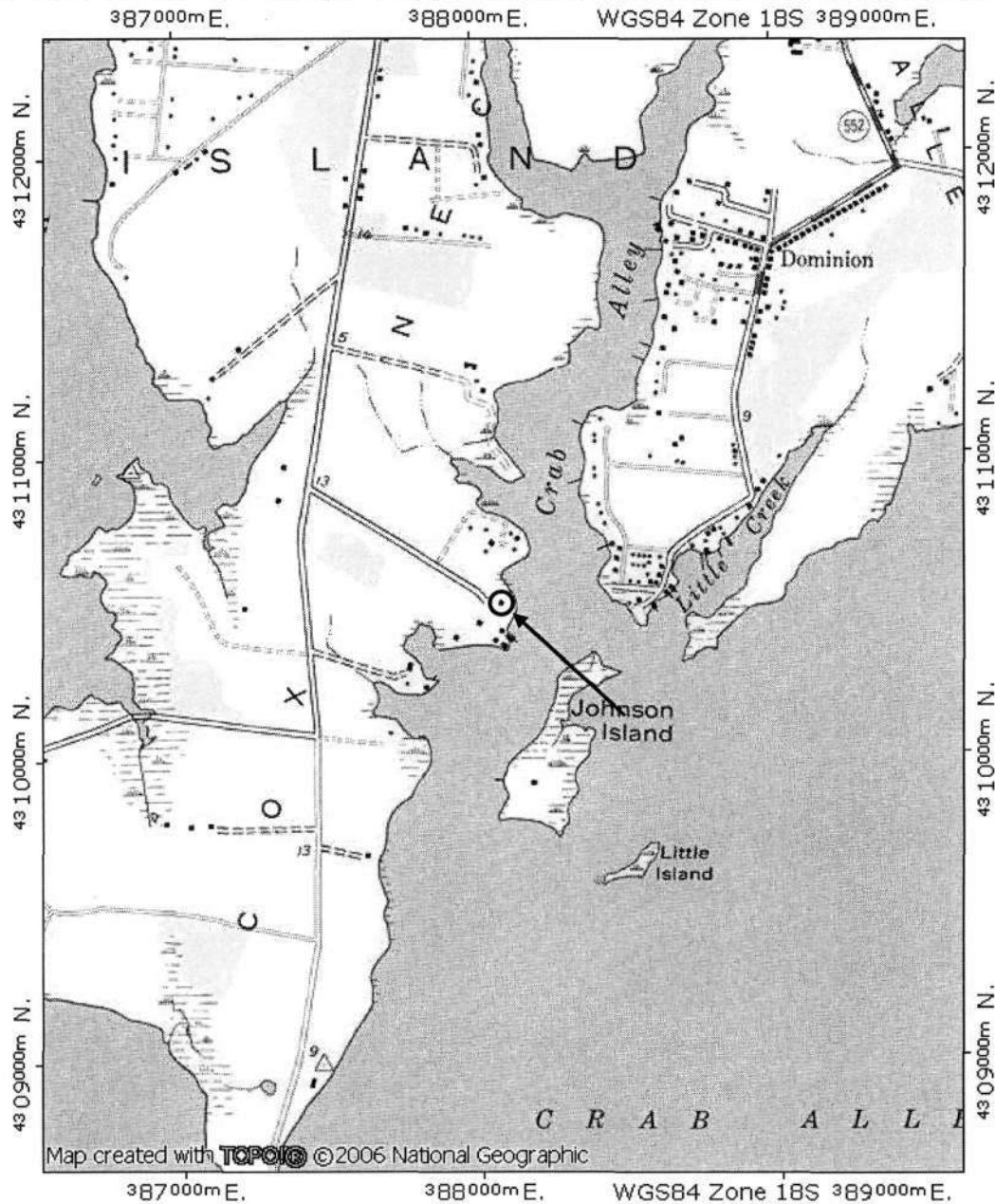
Chain of Title

- 22 January 1981 J. Calvert & Helen H. Jones and The Centreville National Bank of Maryland, Mortgagee to James M. Woodward, Jr. & Anne M. Woodward
Liber MWM 171, folio 787
All that tract on the waters of Crab Alley Bay containing 13.308 acres; plat by J.R. McCrone, Jr in January 1979; J. Calvert Jones (individually) lifetime reserve of 2.35 acres "with the dwelling house and improvements thereon situate"
- 29 August 1978 Jerome Calvert Jones and Robert C. Thompson, Personal Representatives of the estate of Beatrice M. Jones, deceased, and Jerome Calvert Jones, individually and Nancy Meyers Temple, individually to J. Calvert Jones & Helen H. Jones
Liber CWC 140, folio 200
J.C. Jones & Nancy Meyers Temple are residuary legatees of Beatrice M. Jones; tract known as "Blount Point" (plat 1954) of 39.725 acres
- 2 July 1943 Annie M. Jones (widow) to Beatrice M. Jones
Liber ASG Jr 8, folio 43
Parcel #1: tract known as "Blount Point" "Blunt Point" or the "Annie M. Jones Property"; 25 acres, 3 roods, 9 perches.
Parcel #2: adjoining tract of 22 acres
- 7 September 1899 Olin Bryan assignee by mortgage from David D. Jones & wife to Calvin S. Shriver of Baltimore (defaulted) to Annie M. Jones
Liber WHC 10, folio 31
Two parcels: #1—parcel known as "Blount Point" described in deed from Eliza Evans et al to David Jones dated July 1, 1850 containing 25 acres three roods & nine perches;
#2—tract adjoining above tract described in deed from Alexander C. Lowery et al to David D. Jones dated 1 January 1851 containing 22 acres.
- 18 January 1889 Mortgage: David D. Jones & Julia A. Jones indebted to Calvin S. Shriver of Baltimore
Liber WD 2, folio 414



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USGS Kent Island Quadrangle Map, Maryland, 7.5 Minute Series (Topographic)



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JONES'S BLOUNT POINT

213 JONES RD., CHESTER

QUEEN ANNE'S CO., MD

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FACADE, LOOKING EAST (WEST ELEVATION)

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WEST + SOUTH ELEVATIONS, LOOKING NORTHEAST

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